

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method ~~of scheduling an event with respect to~~ performed by a first hard copy output engine including a processor, the method comprising:

detecting a first status of a ~~first~~ portion of the first hard copy output engine from a ~~first~~ sensor incorporated in the first hard copy output engine;

~~detecting a second status of a second portion of the hard copy output engine from a second sensor incorporated in the hard copy output engine;~~

receiving a second status detected by a separate, second hard copy output engine;

automatically the first hard copy output engine processor composing an electronic message ~~without human intervention, the message~~ including both the detected first and second status; and

automatically the first hard copy output engine processor transmitting the electronic message over a network ~~without human intervention.~~

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting a first ~~or second~~ status includes detecting a toner low or toner out status.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting a first ~~or second~~ status includes detecting a future need for preventative maintenance to be performed on components of the first hard copy output engine.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein composing an electronic message includes composing the electronic message to include information chosen from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining consumable, to whom assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date, follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind beforehand, reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list, resources, sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status, consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and preventative maintenance items.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting a first ~~or second~~ status includes detecting a first ~~or second~~ status from a list of status items consisting of: toner out, toner low, preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of component parts, consumables orders and low or "out of" status for other consumables or need for other maintenance items.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first and second hard copy output engines is are chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the electronic message comprises transmitting an electronic message including a consumable order.

8. (Currently amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ A first hard copy output engine comprising a processor and a computer usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein to cause a the processor to:

detect a first status of a ~~first~~ portion of the first hard copy output engine from a ~~first~~ sensor incorporated in the first hard copy output engine;

~~detect a second status of a second portion of the hard copy output engine from a second sensor incorporated in the hard copy output engine;~~

receive a second status detected by a separate, second hard copy output engine;

~~automatically~~ compose an electronic message ~~without human intervention~~, the message including both the detected first and second status; and

~~automatically~~ transmit the electronic message over a network ~~without human intervention~~.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~article of manufacture~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a first ~~or second~~ status includes computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a toner low or toner out status.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~article of manufacture~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a first ~~or second~~ status includes computer readable code configured

to cause the processor to detect a future need for preventative maintenance to be performed on components of the first hard copy output engine.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~article of manufacture~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to compose an electronic message includes computer readable code configured to cause the processor to compose the electronic message to include information chosen from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining consumable, to whom assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date, follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind beforehand, reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list, resources, sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status, consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and preventative maintenance items.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~article of manufacture~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a first ~~or second~~ status includes computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a status chosen from a list of status items consisting of: toner out, toner low, preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of component parts, consumables orders and low or "out of" status for other consumables or need for other maintenance items.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~article of manufacture~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a first ~~or second~~ status comprises computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a status of a hard copy output engine chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~article of manufacture~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to transmit comprises computer readable code configured to cause the processor to transmit an electronic message including a consumable order.

15. (Currently amended) A ~~computer implemented control system for a~~ first hard copy output engine, the ~~system~~ first the hard copy output engine comprising:

a ~~first~~ sensor coupled to a ~~first~~ portion of the first hard copy output engine, the ~~first~~ sensor being configured to provide a first status of the ~~first~~ portion; and

~~a second sensor coupled to a second portion of the hard copy output engine, the second sensor being configured to provide a second status of the second portion;~~
~~and~~

a processor coupled to the first ~~and second sensors~~ sensor and configured to:

detect the first status;

~~detect the second status;~~

receive a second status detected by a separate, second hard copy output engine;

~~automatically~~ compose an electronic message ~~without human~~
~~intervention~~, the message including both the detected first and second status;
and

~~automatically~~ transmit the electronic message over a network ~~without~~
~~human intervention~~.

16. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first
hard copy output engine of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to detect the
first ~~and second~~ status includes a processor configured to detect a toner low or toner
out status.

17. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first
hard copy output engine of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to detect a first
~~and second~~ status includes a processor configured to detect a future need for
preventative maintenance to be performed on components of the first hard copy output
engine.

18. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first
hard copy output engine of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to compose an
electronic message includes a processor configured to compose the electronic message
to include information chosen from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining
consumable, to whom assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to,
expected completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration
date, follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind
beforehand, reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list, resources,

sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status, consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and preventative maintenance items.

19. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to detect a first ~~and second~~ status includes a processor configured to detect a status chosen from a list of status items consisting of: toner out, toner low, preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of component parts, consumables orders and low or “out of” status for other consumables or need for other maintenance items.

20. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to detect a first ~~and second~~ status comprises a processor configured to detect a first and second status of a hard copy output engine chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~automatically~~ composing an electronic message comprises adding the first and second status to a notification list.

22-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein detecting a future need for preventative maintenance comprises logging hours of operation to determine when preventative maintenance on components of the first hard copy output engine is appropriate.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein detecting a future need for preventative maintenance comprises logging the number of pages handles handled to determine when preventative maintenance on components of the first hard copy output engine is appropriate.

26. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code is configured to cause a processor to ~~automatically~~ compose an electronic message is configured to cause the processor add the first and second status to a notification list.

27. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 10, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a future need for preventative maintenance is configured to cause the processor to log hours of operation to determine when preventative maintenance on components of the first hard copy output engine is appropriate.

28. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 10, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a future need for preventative maintenance is configured to cause the processor to log the number of pages handles handled to determine when

preventative maintenance on components of the first hard copy output engine is appropriate.

29. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 15, wherein the processor is configured to cause the processor add the first and second status to a notification list.

30. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 15, wherein the processor is configured to log hours of operation to determine when preventative maintenance on components of the first hard copy output engine is appropriate.

31. (Currently amended) The ~~computer implemented control system~~ first hard copy output engine of claim 15, wherein the processor is configured to log the number of pages ~~handles~~ handled to determine when preventative maintenance on components of the first hard copy output engine is appropriate.